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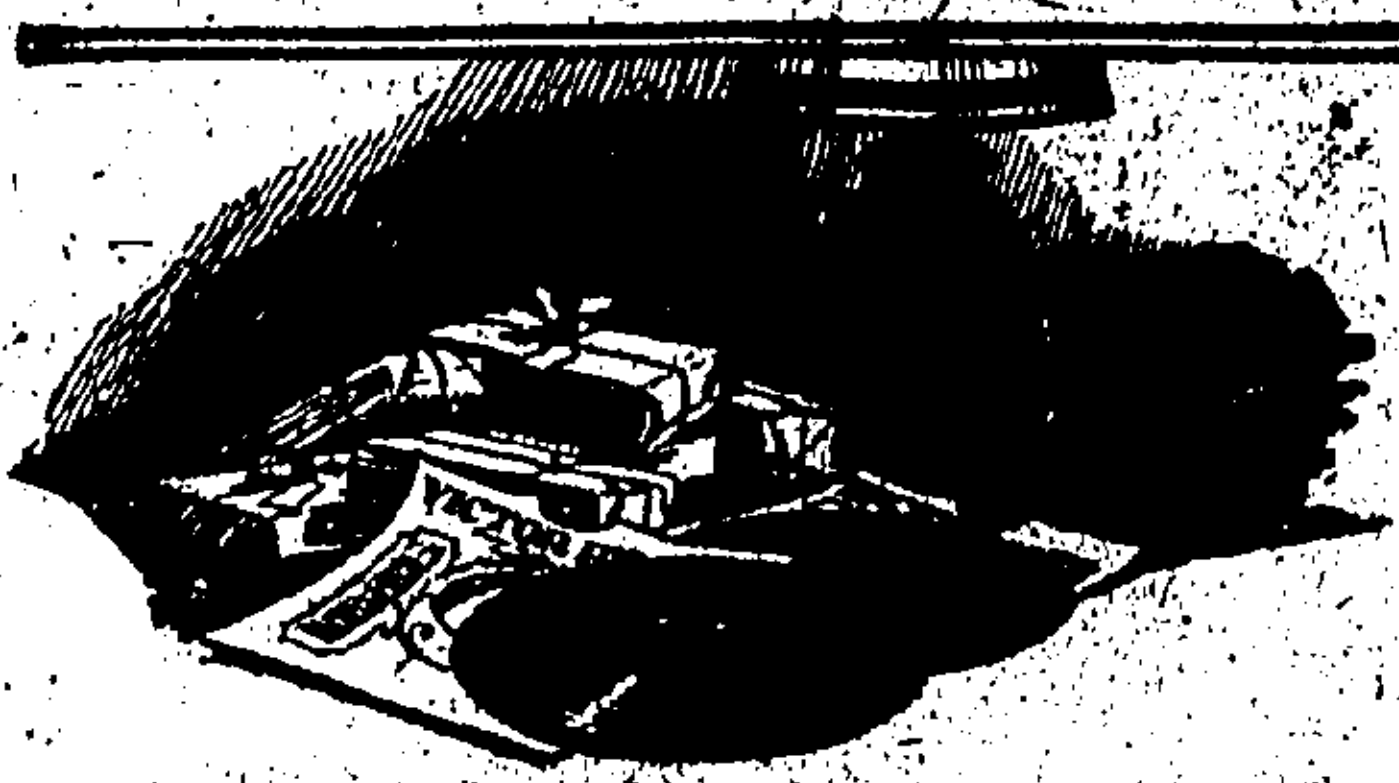
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SINGAPORE SCHEMES.

HONGKONG'S DEVELOPMENT PRECLUDED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 1.

In the House of Commons, introducing the vote for naval works, Comdr. B. M. Eyres-Monsell, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, emphasised that in view of the fact we were now following the one power standard, it was more important than ever that we should be able to move warships rapidly to any part of the world. The Admiralty desired to increase the oil tanks at Malta, Aden, Ceylon, Rangoon, and Singapore. This was a very important route and until it was ready we could not guarantee the safety of our Dominions or adequately protect British interests in the East.

SIMPLY INSURANCE.

Comdr. Eyres-Monsell then dealt with the development of the naval base at Singapore.

A Labour member asked against whom.

Comdr. Eyres-Monsell replied against nobody. It was simply insurance. He emphasised that the scheme was strongly recommended by the committee of imperial defence and approved by the late and the present Cabinets. It was also very strongly urged by the Dominions. The Washington Treaty made the work more necessary because it precluded the development of Hongkong. We did not possess at present a single dock in British territory in the Far East capable of taking a capital ship. The sum required had been reduced by £1,500,000 to £9,500,000 spread over probably ten years. He greatly hoped the Dominions, which were very directly interested, would co-operate.

LABOUR SEES TROUBLE.

Capt. J. P. Hay (Labour), opposing the scheme, said the whole question was whether we were fortifying Singapore against America or Japan. The scheme would be regarded as a direct challenge by the peoples of the Far East, particularly the Japanese.

Mr. L. G. Penny (Conservative) strongly supported the scheme. He thought the Government had shown great foresight and wisdom.

Mr. C. W. Darbyshire (Labour) opposed it as an infringement of the spirit of the Washington Treaty. He thought it would merely encourage the United States to develop Pearl Harbour, Honolulu, and expressed the opinion that the base would involve the expenditure of at least £20,000,000.

Viscount Curzon contended that it was an 'imperial question.' He warmly supported the scheme.

LEAGUE FLOUTED?

Mr. G. Lambert (Labour) moved a resolution in the vote as a protest against the expenditure at Singapore. Referring to Article VIII of the Covenant of the League of Nations, he asked whether we had consulted Japan relative to this base. If not, the League had been flouted. He suggested that the scheme went perilously near getting behind the Washington Treaty.

Mr. Lambert criticised the leisurely construction and asked who would tell when the base was finished in ten years' time whether the capital ship and the dock would not be obsolete. It was said the base was very important to the Dominions. Had Australia been consulted?

Comdr. Eyres-Monsell indicated assent.

"ABSOLUTE MADNESS."

Mr. Lambert, continuing, suggested postponement until after the Imperial Conference. The base had merely involved £10,000,000 expenditure but also an enormous garrison to defend it. Hence it was absolute madness to spend £11,000,000 in Singapore at present and leave the heart of the Empire—London—unguarded against aircraft attacks.

COSTLY AND UNCERTAIN.

Mr. H. A. Asquith (Liberal) regarded the proposal with great apprehension on strategic and financial grounds. It was obviously not a breach of the Washington Treaty but it ought to be looked at many times with special regard to the moral and ethical side of the situation. Did anybody believe that ten years hence the ships we had to-day or anything like them would be the dominating factors in naval warfare? Why could not we continue to protect our seaborne trade as in the past without these distant bases? No case had been made out for this costly, uncertain, and precarious new departure.

JAPAN'S ONLY ANXIETY.

Comdr. Bellairs (Conservative) said that Article VIII of the League Covenant was simply designed to prevent one nation secretly arming against another; there had been no secret about the Singapore preparations. He pointed out that the question had been discussed fully at the Washington Conference which knew perfectly well that we might establish a naval base at Singapore. Japan's chief anxiety was that a naval base should not be established in close proximity to Japan. That was the sole point to be considered.

CENTRE OF THE EMPIRE.

Proceeding to defend the scheme, Comdr. Bellairs said the predominance of trade was shifting increasingly to the Pacific. We could not maintain our fleet in the Far East without a great naval base. Singapore might ultimately be of use to the United States in defending the Philippines. That fact would be a good deterrent to war. No one supposed that Britain or the United States would seek war with Japan, but we could not tell whether the present naval base in Japan would always be in place and would not be increased by a military party. It was very going to threaten our Australian possessions in the future, where we had no capital ships in the Far East. He pointed out that Singapore was the centre of the Empire and that the Pacific was the centre.

NEW RUHR HOPE.

GERMAN REPARATIONS OFFER.

FRENCH PAPERS BITTER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, May 1.

The Government yesterday evening decided on the terms of the new reparations offer which will be communicated to the Party leaders in the morning and the State premiers in the afternoon. A note will be despatched simultaneously to-morrow morning to Paris, Brussels, London, Rome and Washington.

PARIS, May 1.

The new German offer, which it is estimated will be from 30 milliard gold marks, is condemned in advance by the papers.

Le Journal declares that France and Belgium are only awaiting one thing from Germany, namely acceptance of the debt fixed in May of 1921.

The Matin says that no discussion is possible until Germany has ceased resistance. The Petit Parisien says that Germany is only making a new offer to please Britain and America. She knows the conflict in the Ruhr cannot thus be settled.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

LINERS' LIQUOR DECISION.

BRITAIN AND HER RIGHTS.

LONDON, May 1.

Pending the official receipt of the United States liquor decision, commerce is reserved in authoritative quarters in London. The general view prevailing hitherto, however, is that a British ship still remains British territory whilst in a foreign port and the right of foreign authorities to interfere in any untoward happenings aboard a British ship is recognised only in special circumstances.

CALM MAY DAY.

LABOUR SPEECHES.

LONDON, May 1.

May Day was celebrated in London by a Labour procession from the Embankment to Hyde Park, where speeches were delivered from nine platforms. Resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the German Ruhr workers; also calling on the Government to denounce the Versailles Treaty, recognise the Russian Republic, and demand the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Sakhalin.

DISTURBANCES ON CONTINENT.

Hitherto there have been no disturbances on the Continent except at Milan where an attempt by communists to prevent railwaymen from working resulted in a conflict between the Reds and the National militia in which two Reds were killed and several wounded. A disturbance also took place at Vienna where several people were slightly wounded in a conflict yesterday evening between Communists and the police.

OTHER DISORDERS.

LATER.

The May Day celebrations generally passed off quietly on the Continent, but thirty police and thirty demonstrators were injured in disorders in Paris where numerous arrests were made including a municipal councillor.

There were also disturbances at Madrid. The police there charged a crowd. Shots were fired. Two demonstrators and one police inspector were killed. Many arrests were made.

HELPLESS PLIGHT.

Replying to the debate, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, said it was clearly understood in the Washington discussions that Singapore stood outside the region indicated in the Treaty. There could be no suggestion of menace to Japan or any idea that we contemplated the danger of strained relations with Japan or any other great power. Otherwise we should certainly be proceeding in a much more urgent fashion. We were not in the position to-day, nor would we be for many years to come, to put a bat or a fleet in the Pacific or even at Singapore. We were in all these waters in a helpless state, reliant on the goodwill of a friendly and lately allied power, but no self-respecting power could afford to be indefinitely dependent on another power for its security, even its existence.

GROUNDLESS FEARS.

Mr. Amery pointed out that the proposals had been approved in principle by the Imperial Conference of 1921. There was plenty of time, however, to discuss them at the next conference. The fuller development of the dockyard at Singapore and the contribution of parts of the Empire concerned might make, he contended, the proposed works anything but obsolete ten or fifty years hence.

Mr. Amery added that all the experts were unanimous that the battleship would remain as long as could be foreseen the main strength and pivot of the naval battle.

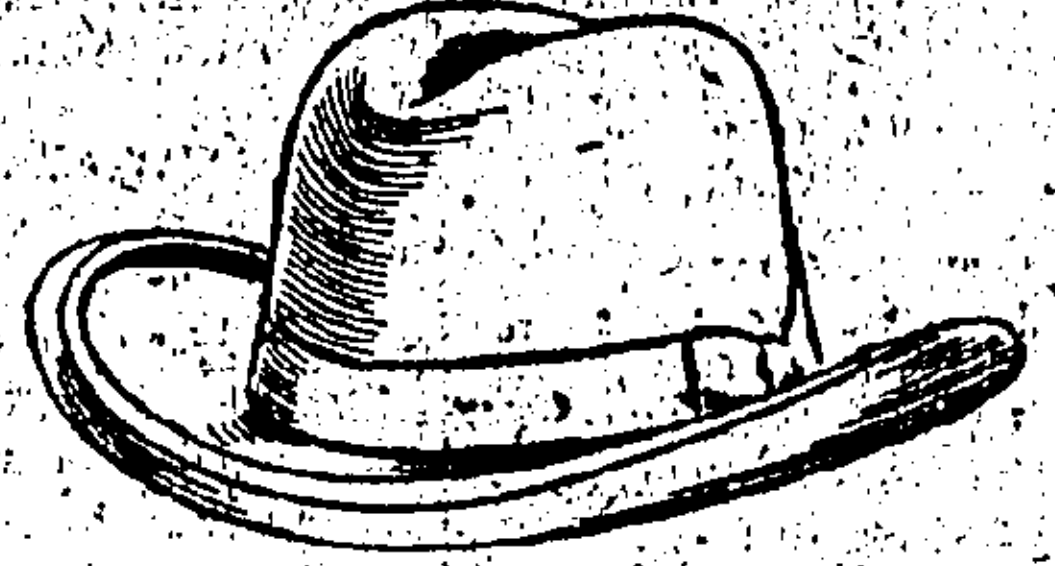
GOOD SIZE BASE.

Mr. Amery further said that it was proposed to construct at Singapore an effective repair and docking base in every sense of the word. The graving dock would be capable of holding the biggest modern capital ships. Probably there would also be a floating dock. Certainly they would have all the workshops and stores of ammunition and all other equipment of a good size base on which a fleet could work if emergency arose.

As regards the garrison, the present complement might have to be increased, but they would not require the enormous land or air force for they did not contemplate the possibility of war unless being able to land before the Navy could come to the support.

NAVY'S HISTORIC MISSION.

Mr. Amery finally contended that the scheme was in no sense contrary to the spirit either of the League of Nations or the Washington Treaty, but simply aimed at securing for our very much reduced navy a security for its historic mission of keeping the sea free for trade and communication with other parts of the Empire upon which in the future we must rely for our very existence. He pointed out that the Navy was defeated by 253 vessels in 1914 and the war was carried



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1922.		1923.	
Tyramitt, Min. Below overlow	27 ft. 2 in. Below overlow		
Tyram Brownish, 5 ft. 3 in. Below overlow	27 ft. 10 in. Below overlow		
Tyram Indurated, 5 ft. 11 in. Below overlow	28 ft. 4 in. Below overlow		
Tyram Pak 37 ft. 4 in. Below overlow			
Wheat Nel Chang, 27 ft. 6 in. Below overlow	33 ft. 11 in. Below overlow		
Robson, 27 ft. 2 in. Below overlow	19 ft. 1 in. Below overlow		
POWELL IN MILLIGAN	AND DUMATEL (P. GALLIN).		
1921.		1922.	
Tyram Brownish	11 ft. 50		
Tyram Indurated	81		
Tyram Pak	442 1/2		
Tyram Nel Chang	60 1/2		
Robson	5 1/2		
Wheat Nel Chang	2 1/2		
POWELL IN MILLIGAN	24 1/2		
Total	638 3/4		631 1/2

Consumption of water in the City and HUI District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1921.	1922.	
Consumption	216.63	183.56	cu. ft.
Un-raised population	358,600	369,000	
Consumption per head	39.5	16.1	gallons

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	1922.	1923.
Reservoir Gravitations: 153.65		118.51
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.		

Population	1971	1983
Estimated population	48,19	28,41
Population per head	134,20	189,60
Per day	11,5	13,5
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Hongkong, April 26, 1923

Fourteen London hospitals have received sums varying from £50,000 to £1,000 as a result of the distribution by the executors of a portion of the estate of the late Mr. William Shepherd. The largest sum goes to Guy's Hospital, £28,000 to the Bellinghrook Hospital, and £20,000 to St. Thomas's.

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The China Mail.
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1923.

THAT VEXED TOPIC.

Without doubt the military lands are our most bitter local topic. Delay and secrecy have both soured the Colony. Hence but little relation will be felt over yesterday's news that negotiations are proceeding with the War Office. They have now been proceeding too long. During the budget debate last year, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn announced that the Government and the local military authorities having got together, entire agreement had been reached. "That scheme was long ago sent to England and we are still awaiting the answer. We cannot proceed further until the scheme has been approved." That was over seven months ago and the scheme, please note, had then been sent home "long ago." According to yesterday's cable, the Under Secretary for Colonies, replying to Mr. Gresham Stewart, stated that the negotiations with the War Office related to the value of the military lands and suitable alternative sites. This would suggest that the local agreement had been scrapped, that the military War Office is now juggling with the matter from distant Whitehall. The Hon. Mr. Ormsby-Gore added that "progress was being made" a remark which (the cynical will say) needs only the lapse of time to make it true, since the War Office—patently—will not allow itself to be hurried; not for more civilian claims; anyway. Mr. Ormsby-Gore hoped could be effected satisfactorily. This may have been the usual pious platitude but had the hon. gentleman any

real idea of public opinion out here he would have known that time for hoping (even piously) is long since past. Exasperated beyond words over this dreary folly, which has strangled the city's progress these thirty years, Hongkong now demands that the transfer must be effected satisfactorily. What was it Mr. A. O. Lang said, speaking as Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank?—"I think it is time the War Office realised Hongkong does not exist solely in order to pay a military contribution of 20 per cent. of its revenue, and if this senseless policy of hampering and obstructing British trade is persisted in, it will become a question whether the military contribution can be justified any longer." Surely that was plain enough! Mr. Ormsby-Gore also "hoped" the transfer would take place "with the least possible delay." After the dreary, interminable delay that has already been seen, this almost provokes a laugh, a bitter and mirthless laugh. Just what the War Office considers the least possible delay one shudders to think. However, yesterday's cable brings one crumb of comfort. The War Office does realise that the transfer must be made.

Our Rice Trade.

Even a casual glance at the official statistics will show the importance of Hongkong's rice trade. With a population including several hundred thousand Chinese, the Colony will always need considerable imports. But Hongkong expects more than that. By virtue of its position, as the entrepot for South China, it expects a large turnover in rice for other lands. During the war, local exporters gradually built up connections for the export of rice to San Francisco, Cuba and South America, previously the hunting grounds of German firms which shipped the staple via Europe. However, the Colony's pioneer efforts suffered more than one setback. Then with its embargo on export in Burma, Hongkong exporters confined themselves to Siam and Saigon, but a poor crop put an end to shipments of Siam

rice. With a view to supplying the consumers direct, a number of the more enterprising merchants traded with Cuba direct, gradually eliminating Frisco. When the slump came three years ago, the business resolved itself into a "survival of the fittest" game with the result that quite a number of the younger firms failed. Superfluous Shipping Board tonnage after the War made it imperative for American ships to seek new trade routes and the export of rice has now been made direct to consumers, with the result that Hongkong has been supplanted by Saigon and Bangkok. However, assurances were given at this year's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce that efforts are being made to recover this profitable business. Much nearer home are the two Kwangs, mainly dependent on foreign rice, which comes to Hongkong to be re-exported inland. Until recently rice-junks were almost invariably used for the trade, but the endless strife rendered this old-fashioned method unsafe. With their usual resources, Chinese exporters turned to small river steamers, but the recent piracies of the "Wing Ping" and "Saichow" have knocked this plan on the head. Unless steps are taken to ensure ready facilities for getting the staple to Canton, Hongkong will also be eliminated in this direction as there has been talk of chartering ships from Saigon to Canton. Still, "it's an ill-wind that blows no good" for with stagnation here, local dealers will have to cut prices in an endeavour to dispose of accumulating stocks and with conditions remaining as they are there need be no fear of a repetition of the rice riots a few years ago.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese case of enteric fever was reported yesterday.

Beyond having a holiday, Hongkong workers yesterday did little towards observing Labour Day. In Canton the usual parade was abandoned as special celebrations are to be held on May 5, the second anniversary of the inauguration of Sun Yat-sen as President of the Constitutional Government at Canton.

News has been received by the owners that the s.s. "Kochow" flying the British flag, could get no further than Samshui in an attempt to get through to Wuchow in spite of the fighting at Shihing. The s.s. "Kwong Ying," flying the Chinese flag left yesterday but it is not expected that she will be more successful than the "Kochow."

Mails consigned to Seattle from ports in the Far East by the "President Grant," which sailed from Hongkong about March 12, were lost between Victoria, B.C., and Puget Sound through an accident happening to the mail-carrying aeroplane which transports mails between British Columbia ports and Puget Sound. The consignment of mails on this occasion consisted of eleven bags, nine of which were irretrievably lost.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Baron Bolton left £673,000 and James Ballantine, captain in the Irawaddy Flotilla, £15,000.

A Reuter telegram from Tokyo states that the Prince Regent arrived from Formosa yesterday afternoon.

The Governor-General of French Indo-China, Monsieur Merlin, is expected to arrive there about the middle of June.

Mr. C. F. McCausland, second magistrate, Kuala Lumpur, will shortly be retiring from the F.M.S. Government service.

According to a London cable of March 20, Prince Henry met with an accident during exercises in a riding school, as a result of which he suffered concussion of the brain.

Mr. Demnan Fuller F. R. C. O., (R. A. M.), the Cathedral organist, gave his last recital, for some time at any rate, on Monday evening. He has been in poor health for some time, and under medical advice he is going away from the Colony, probably to Australia, to recuperate. Musical activities in Hongkong have owed much to Mr. Fuller's enthusiastic support and his many friends will look forward to seeing him return to Hongkong restored in health.

Mr. S. Matsumoto, the managing director of *The China Critic*, a Peking monthly magazine, was murdered at his home, on April 19. His assailant was a friend with whom he had had a disagreement. The deed took place in the bathroom, the deceased being stabbed with a "small" knife. Mrs. Matsumoto and a Chinese boy went to the rescue and were badly cut, the latter subsequently succumbing. The murderer is believed to be insane.

A CHARMING "WASTER."
(TOM WRIGHT STUFF.)

I have met another character in fiction. I met him, in fact, on the seat in the park that I favour. Did you know that the Canadian "romantic man" of fiction really exists? One sometimes has doubts of these things, you know. He was reading Henry James. He told me that he had travelled all the way from northern Canada to New Zealand, in search of a job, and had not found one. Not at once, of course. I had to draw him out, and he had to feel the charm of my sympathetic manner first, and that takes time. He was a public school boy, and was with the Royal Horse Artillery at Mons. A great talker about books, and we have been inseparable now for eight days. I found out that his idea of looking for a job was to find a library, take out books, and dream over them in pleasant surroundings. He had done that in New Zealand, and he was doing it here. He had booked steerage passage to San Francisco, and was waiting for sailing date when I found him. I asked him if he had tried various people whom I named, and he hadn't. I rushed him round. Almost I had to drag him into the office, he was so abnormally shy. Once he hung back, and said "What's the good? I've paid for my ticket, and have very little money left." "Book here," said I, "supposing you are offered a good job, would not that compensate for the forfeiture of the \$45 you paid for your ticket?" He conceded that. "And don't you know that the shipping people will refund you some of it if you cancel your passage?" No, he didn't know that. After getting him a job, at a decent salary, I took him to the shipping office where they gave him back his money in full! The two-and-a-half per cent. usually deducted, amounted to a sum too insignificant for these plutocrats to bother about. He was amazed, and began to say that he wished he had met me sooner. I had put—er—pep into him. He was mistaken there. It isn't in him yet. He is of the type I describe as "leaners," men who must lean upon another, follow a leader. Such are those fellow passengers who sometimes tag along in ports we visit, and whom we find it hard to shake off when they are de trop. But this lad I love, as it happens, and am glad I saved him from misadventure. To me, now that the crust of his diffident reserve is broken, he has opened his heart and told his life.

No mother for long. A sister. I have seen socks she knitted for him and sent him. And her picture. A stern father, whose resentment (of shiftness only, as I gather, though there was some post-war boozing) takes the form of a mean allowance. Yet I like the way he speaks of him, reverently. He has a slow, hesitating manner of speech, with a low, cultivated voice, nicely modulated, and a rare smile. Try to picture him, as he waits outside a taipan's office with me, before we "click." Five feet seven, little blonde moustache, short, aspiring nose.

"I did not mind so much before," says he, "but now that I've met you I hate, the idea of having to leave. I do hope I get it. But—" he smiled deprecatingly—"you'll think this foolish, I know, but would it not be better to clear out and try him on Monday? I have a feeling that anything I do on a Saturday is bound to turn out unsuccessful."

The thought of a ridiculous handicap like that on a young man seeking his fortune dismayed me. I wondered how he had lasted even thus far. Then I guessed that it was an agony of shyness, an excuse rather than a genuine superstition. I was firm. I said that sequence of luck was broken by the fact of my presence. However, it wasn't that day that we got the job.

We must have interviewed at least twenty men before we struck the right one, and that a man I should have thought of at first. If I had, I, and my protegee, would have been saved much weary walking and waiting.

I thanked the gods on Moe that I also was not a seeker of employment in a world that seems to think it is doing you a favour by letting you work for it. I have had my share of that in the past, in two periods, in both of which I was younger and less fearful. I could not now have been as bold for myself as I was for this chap, I think.

He was absurdly grateful, and one of his ideas was to stand me a Chinese dinner, knowing that I like Chinese food. I told him to practise thrift, strict thrift, until he had a reserve of at least \$300, and I then blow his wages if he liked. I feared worse to come. He was not for him, but for all workers. I do, but yesterday he came round to me, blushing like a girl, and "hoped" I would not be offended. He thrust a thin book into my hands, and said "A volume of Henry James, a writer I have never learned to like. Oh, well, that's that."

SITUATION AT SWATOW.

CRIPPLES AS CARGO COOLIES.

RIVAL WAR VESSELS.

Nowadays vessels trading in and out of Swatow are having a good deal of trouble in obtaining coolies to "work ship." A *China Mail* reporter, in conversation with the officers of one of the boats, which calls at Swatow, on the return trip from Shanghai gathered some interesting facts regarding the situation.

General Hung Shu-lun, an adherent of Chen Ching-ming, is in command of the troops in Swatow City, while Hsu Shung-chi, one of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's men is further inland and is expected to descend on the town at any moment.

"The soldiers under command of the generalissimo at Swatow are all members of a press-gang these days," said one of the officers.

"When we arrived there, on our last trip," he continued, "we had to anchor in midstream as all the wharf coolies had become soldiers by force majeure. When we did eventually get alongside we had to be content with a gang of twelve cripples the first day as cargo coolies, but eventually we discharged our cargo though time appeared to be no object to the powers in control there. All the wharves are guarded by soldiers and European officers leaving or returning to their ships, are challenged and closely scrutinized. We bestride any Chinese member of the crew, who ventures ashore. He may return, but his pockets will be empty of dollars. Two of our crew were robbed of all except their trousers."

A BRUTAL MURDER.

Last week two war vessels of each party (pro-Sun and pro-Hung respectively) were in Swatow harbour. One day Sun's men clamoured for their pay. The Commander assured them that all the arrears would be paid as soon as the vessels reached Canton, for which port he intended to sail at once. It appears that the Commander and a Lieutenant then went on the bridge, preparatory to departing. As the telegraph rang the "stand by" a party of soldiers rushed onto the bridge and shot both officers dead. Two coffins were seen being taken ashore the next day. After this incident, the anti-Sun ships steamed alongside and captured Sun's vessels without a shot being fired.

The soldiers on shore will allow no bluejacket to land, although naval pinnaces may come alongside the wharf to obtain provisions. Whether the generalissimo at Swatow is at heart pro-Sun or not seems to know. He is generally credited with having "a seat on the fence" for the moment until he sees which way the Canton cat will jump. The most surprising part of the situation at Swatow is to speak, have been anchored there for some days apparently on terms of neutrality. "As long as Swatow is in the verge of war, ships entering there are likely to suffer from a shortage of labour."

STYLE JOURNALISTIC HERE.

As an oasis in a prodigious Sunday edition here a reference to Hongkong sport caught my eye. It spoke of retirement from racing of Frank Vida, who, just after the big southern China truck event of the year was 52 and too old to ride. It described him as "the premier gentleman race rider of the China coast," and admired him for his cleverness in "sticking to a postage stamp plastered on the backbone of a Mongolian go-devil." I quote these phrases, not for the emulation of your sporting reporter (better warn him off) but for their intrinsic interest. I humbly confess that I could not have written them myself. Being American, the author could not resist accrediting Mr. Vida with "hanging up a world record." All records here are world records. I sometimes wonder when, and particularly where, this record breaking is going to end. Say, a minute is knocked off the mile record (for the world) every year for the next hundred years. Does it not look as if the stopwatch will have to be stopped before the race starts? I know very little about such matters, but simple arithmetic leads me to that thought. I read that in addition to winning 16 races at Hk. Mr. Vida did "the hat trick three days in succession." Excuse me, but was that cricket? I also read that at Hankow, in 1907, he "stepped aboard sixteen winning ponies out of nineteen entries." It seems that up the Yangtze river they use ponies instead of stirrups. It must be quite an interesting variation. Like Candide and the wound made by the Bulgars, I should so much like to see it.

A SMALL JOKE.

Here they have "service stations" all over town, at which motorists renew their supplies of "gas." The pump man, grins "How many?" meaning gallons, the motorist states "miles" and the pump starts. It was like this. How many? One? Trying to read it?

"DOMESTIC TENEMENT"

DEFINING THE TERM.

POSER FOR FULL COURT.

Before the Full Court, consisting of Sir William Rees Davies (Chief Justice), President Sir Skinner Turner (Judge of H.B.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai) and Mr. Justice Gompertz (Pulse Judge), the case of Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. Ltd. (appellants) vs. The Procureur General in Hongkong (respondents) came up for hearing this morning.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C., instructed by Messrs G. K. Hall Brutton & Co., appeared with Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn for the appellants, while Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton, represented the respondents.

This is an appeal against the judgment of the Chief Justice in favour of the respondents given on August 2 last. The case rests upon the proper definition of the term "domestic tenement," which appears in the local Rents Ordinance 1921.

THE ORIGINAL ACTION.

In the original action the respondents obtained judgment in their suit to recover:

(a) Possession of that portion of Section of Island lot No. 2147 (at Caroline Hill Road), previously leased to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China by the plaintiffs, under lease dated June 1, 1918, which lease expired on August 31, 1920, the defendants (Nanyang Bros.) being sub-lessees of the said Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, on the ground that such premises do not come within the Rents Ordinance 1921.

(b) To recover possession of such portion of the premises, as is not now occupied by defendants' servants for domestic purposes under Section 15 of Ordinance No. 13 of 1921.

(c) To fix such rent as the Court shall think fit as the rent to be paid by the defendants for that portion occupied by the defendants' servants for domestic purposes.

(d) Damages at the rate of double the yearly value of the whole of the said premises during the period of detention by virtue of 4. Geo. 2C. 28.

(e) Alternatively to fix such other rent than the standard rent, as the Court shall think fit, as the rent to be paid in respect of the whole of the premises, referred to in (a) during the continuance of the Rents Ordinance 1921.

THE APPEAL.

The appellants are now asking that "so much of the judgment of His Honour the Chief Justice, made in the above action, as orders or adjudges that the premises mentioned in the said judgment do not come within the provisions of the Rents Ordinance 1921 and as orders or adjudges that costs be paid to the respondents by the appellants be reversed and that it may be ordered and adjudged that the said premises do come within the provisions of the Rents Ordinance and that the costs of the actions and of this appeal be paid by the respondents to the appellants."

Mr. Alabaster K. C. opened the case, saying the facts were not in dispute. He dwelt on the area and the price the respondents had paid for the lots in the first instance. Appellants by the first agreement had only rented a portion of the holding—to wit 100,000 square feet (value \$30,000). The rent was \$1,900 per annum, the lessor, not the lessee to pay the rates. Three months' notice in writing had to be given.

A second agreement was entered into very similar to the former one excepting the clause with regard to renewal. Counsel next read a letter dated February 25, 1921 from Hon. Mr. Chow Shu-sen to Father Robert, asking that the matters in dispute regarding rent might remain in abeyance until his return from Shanghai. Eventually the lessors reduced the rent from \$50,000 to \$48,000 per annum the lessees to pay the rent and taxes. Mr. Alabaster then quoted from the Home Rents Ordinance of 1915 and 1920, laying stress on the fact that there was no definition of a dwelling house. Under the 1920 ordinance the landlord had the power to increase rent, but could not receive more than an additional 5 per cent. in any one year.

The Hongkong Government eventually passed a local Rents Ordinance no. 13/1921, which became law on July 19, 1921.

CENTRAL ESTATES.

DEBENTURE HOLDERS MEET.

The proposed amalgamation of the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd. and the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Coy. Ltd. was considered at a meeting of the debenture holders of the former company held in the offices of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd. this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were present: Commander Beckwith R. N. and Messrs P. M. Hodgson, V. M. Grayburn, C. C. Boyd, F. C. Hall, H. Birkett, W. E. L. Shenton (solicitor to the Company), D. J. Lewis (solicitor to the debenture holders) and L. S. Greenhill (Secretary).

After the notice convening the meeting had been read the Chairman said:

Gentlemen:—With the notice convening this meeting a circular was sent to you explaining the proposals which have been made by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Coy. Ltd. and the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd., to the trustees of the debenture holders and explaining the reasons for calling this meeting and I do not think there is any need for me to add anything thereto except to say that the proposals have been considered by the trustees, who are the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen and myself, and that we recommended such proposals to you for favourable consideration.

In the event of your passing suggested resolutions in the event of the provisional agreement between the two Companies being carried into effect the result will be that the properties now held by the trustees as security for the debenture holders will continue to be held by them but instead of having a covenant by the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd., for payment of the principal and interest due under the debentures we shall have a similar covenant from the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Coy. Ltd. and further that the debentures instead of being payable immediately the Hongkong Central Estates Ltd. passes an effective resolution for winding up will remain, as at present, repayable on the thirtieth day of May, 1924.

An extraordinary resolution passed:—that the proposed arrangement was moved by Mr. V. M. Grayburn and carried unanimously.

Counsel said that this ordinance clearly defined a "domestic tenement," which was the point really in dispute. Counsel claimed that it applied to every room used for human habitation unless it came under one of the six exceptions mentioned in the Ordinance. Mr. Alabaster then dwelt on the question of rent reduction.

At this stage Mr. Eldon Potter informed the Court that the contention of respondents was that the property was actually worth a rental of \$4,000 per annum according to present valuations. Mr. Alabaster claimed that the standard rent was giving the respondents a return of 25 per cent. on their money, but at a rental of \$4,000 per annum they would be getting over 50 per cent.

In the new draft agreement the lessors struck out the clause giving the lessees the right to use any part of the building as a dwelling house. Counsel read a number of letters that had passed between the parties on the subject, when it was suggested that an appeal should be made to the Puisse Judge for a decision as to what the increase of the rent should be. Later the landlords applied for an order of ejectment.

A lively passage took place between Mr. Alabaster and Mr. Potter with regard to a letter which the landlords' solicitors had written "without prejudice." Mr. Alabaster claimed that this letter "without prejudice" had no bearing on the case. Mr. Potter asked the Court to register his objection, saying that the letter in question was a complete answer to a letter, dated August 24, from lessees' solicitors.

Mr. Alabaster quoted at length from legal authorities to prove the definition of "in whole or in part," which, Counsel held, had a distinct bearing on the present case. Counsel then went on to cite authority as to the definition of a dwelling house, and as to how the word "construction" was to be employed. He argued that "words should be construed in their grammatical and ordinary sense unless such construction leads to an absurdity."

Mr. Alabaster then proceeded to read what purported to be a copy of the evidence taken in the hearing before the Chief Justice. This led to much amusement in which the Bench and Counsel for both parties shared equally. Through careless typing the copies of the Judge's notes in the hands of Counsel for appellants and Counsel for respondents differed in many essential details. As the Chief Justice explained, until an official stenographer and typist was supplied this could not be helped.

The case is proceeding.

COULDN'T PAY.

POLICE COURT FREDICATION.

SANITARY BOARD PROSECUTION.

An unusual development occurred in the hearing of summons taken out by the Sanitary Board at the Magistracy this morning before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, when Mr. J. A. Fraser, Secretary to the Board, prosecuted.

Mr. A. L. Cuno, tenant of No. 42, Elgin Street, was summoned for using the basement of the house for human habitation. When his name was called a Mr. E. G. Elias stepped forward and informed the Magistrate that defendant was away in Shanghai and he was his representative. His Worship asked distinctly if he represented the tenant and Elias replied in the affirmative stating that Cuno was his brother-in-law.

Mr. Elias said that directly he received the notice he instructed his servants who refrained from sleeping in the basement.

Mr. Fraser told his Worship that both tenant and owner had been summoned, the former for using the basement and the latter for allowing it to be used. It was not compulsory for the Department to serve a notice but they did all they could and showed the tenant every courtesy. The summons was taken out as the result of a later visit at night on April 16 when it was discovered that defendant's servants slept in the basement at night and removed their beds during the day. He therefore asked for a conviction.

Defendant rejoined that he was unable to keep a watch at night. The time of the visit from the Department was 12.30 a.m. when everybody was asleep. He added that the Department should have told him of what went on at night as he was not in a position to know. In reply to the Magistrate, defendant admitted that he had received the letter from the Department.

In imposing a fine of \$10 his Worship said that defendant was responsible for the actions of his servants. His Worship also pointed out the trouble caused to the Sanitary Department. Defendant had only given orders but had failed to see that they were carried out. Elias then stated that he would have to wait till his brother-in-law returned for the fine to be paid as he had no money.

His Worship said that I understood you to say you represented him. Elias: He is my brother-in-law. I had to come because if I did not I was afraid there might be some trouble.

His Worship: You can give notice of appeal if you wish. Elias: I think it will have to wait until he comes back.

Defendant then left the court but returned after a few minutes when the interpreter told his Worship that he could not pay the fine.

His Worship: He cannot pay at all? No.

His Worship to defendant: What application do you make? Defendant repeated his statement that he would have to wait till Cuno's return.

His Worship: Well, \$10 or fourteen days.

Defendant: He will be back on about May 28.

The Magistrate then asked if defendant would like to make an application to pay in fourteen days but defendant did not seem to understand. His Worship then said that the order was to stand.

Later on, Elias again returned to the court and after some discussion Mr. Fraser said that he had no objection to a stay of from seven to fourteen days in which payment of the fine could be made. His Worship remarked that seven days was reasonable and made an order for the fine to be paid in seven days to which defendant rejoined that he only came to the court to inquire.

His Worship then pointed out that defendant had admitted that he was the representative and said seven days was reasonable.

The owner of the house was summoned separately but did not appear in court. Mr. Fraser asked for an *ex-parte* hearing and this was granted.

The question of the meaning of the expression "U.K." or "United Kingdom" as applied to contracts of marine insurance was for consideration at a meeting of the Committee of Lloyd's Underwriters Association held on February 14. The following definition was adopted, and is, we understand, being freely signed by Underwriters at Lloyd's. It is agreed that until further notice in all contracts, whenever written, whether in policies or on ship, the expression "U.K." or "United Kingdom" shall unless otherwise defined therein, be deemed to include the whole of Ireland. This definition is in agreement with that recommended to its members by the Institute of London Underwriters.

CARGO THIEVES.

HOW THEY WORK.

COMBATTING THE EVIL.

The Twenty-four Trades Commercial Association held a meeting on Sunday night when measures to safeguard cargo in transport on the water front were discussed. Members of the Godies' and the Nam Pak Hong's Tallymen Guilds were invited to be present.

It was resolved that application be made to the Captain Superintendent of Police for increased protection and to urge the Government to administer deterrent punishments for the crime. Members of the two guilds were asked to do their best to resist the effects of the thieves.

The head tallyman of one of the large Nam Pak Hongs, who has over twenty years' experience of delivery and landing of cargo on the West Point and Kennedy Town waterfronts, stated in conversation with a *China Mail* reporter that cargo broaching has remained practically unchanged for years. The thieves, who invariably work in gangs, are seldom interfered with by the coolies or the lightermen even though the cargo may be in their care. Cases have been known of the cargo thieves intimidating lightermen by diving under their craft and breaking holes in the hull with crow-bars. That there is an organisation responsible for most of the crimes is proved by the fact that some godowns have been known to have their doors taken off at night and cargo removed away in tons.

Years ago a large quantity of Yunnan tin which is in slabs of 112 lbs. were stolen at night from a godown and ultimately recovered at the bottom of the canal in Hill Road. It appeared that the thieves swam from the Praya into the canal and deposited their loot. Conscientious tallymen have been occasionally attacked by the rogues and even stabbed and in our informant's opinion police protection at present is still inadequate. His suggestion to get at the root of the evil is to keep a strict vigilance on the receivers who are located not far from the godowns and are probably known to the police.

TENNIS.

STRAITS CHAMPION HERE.

MATCH WITH O. RUNJAHN.

Tennis enthusiasts will no doubt be interested to know that arrangements have been made for O. Runjahn the Colony's Singles Challenger, who fared so well in the H.K.C.C.'s recent Tennis Tournament, to play T. Honda, the Singles Champion of Singapore and Malay Peninsula, which will take place on Sunday, 6th inst., on the Indian Recreation Club Ground, Sookumpoo Valley, at 4.15 p.m.

Honda is a member of the M.B.K. staff and a promising player of 22, who possesses a very powerful forehand and backhand drives, and is a great exponent of the game. He comes to this Colony with a good reputation, having defeated notable players in the Straits, and won the Singles title last year.

As Runjahn has been playing exceptionally well this season, he should give a good account of himself, and on the whole the match should provide some excellent tennis.

It was at first intended for Honda to play Ng Sze Kwong but unfortunately owing to the early departure of our Champion to participate in the Olympic at Osaka, the match was abandoned.

FACTORY FEUD.

EX-FOREMAN IN TROUBLE.

A remand case was heard before Mr. J. R. Wood yesterday afternoon when Li Cheuk, formerly a foreman at the Yau Sang Knitting factory, Yau-mat, was charged with maliciously damaging certain knitting machinery and with threatening the manager and another. Mr. R. E. A. Webster prosecuted and Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented defendant.

Mr. Webster outlined the facts of his case stating that defendant is alleged to have broken four machines, which were used for making the upper parts of socks. There were nineteen machines in all, but the factory would be paralyzed if the four were damaged. It was also alleged that defendant threatened a friend of the manager who came to repair the machines and later on threatened the manager who had made a report to the police. In reply to a question by the Magistrate, Mr. Webster said that the motive was a mystery as defendant had not asked for an increase of pay or anything. Evidence was given after which the case was again remanded.

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Hongkong, May 2, 1923.

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SPEEDING.

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Mr. Van der Steen was yesterday fined \$1 by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistracy for failing to produce his licence whilst driving motor-car No. 191 in Caine Road on April 20 at 5.55 p.m. Defendant pleaded guilty and said that he forgot the licence when he changed his clothing.

On another charge of exceeding 10 miles an hour in Bonham Road, a controlled area, Mr. Van der Steen was fined a further \$10. Traffic Inspector W. Kent informed His Worship that defendant was fined \$15 for reckless driving in Upper Albert Road in January.

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Princess May's baby, George-Henry Hubert Lascelles. The youngster is shown as he left his mother's London home for a motor car ride.



The Prince of Wales has paid \$10,000 for this painting, "North-west Mounted Police Capturing Outlaws," the work of Charles W. Russell. H.R.H. ordered the work when he saw it exhibited in Calgary on his tour of Canada.



Three new United States Senators. Mayfield faces a fight to unseat him on the ground that he used excessive campaign funds and on the further ground that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.



Mike McTigue, the Irish and Canadian champion training for his fight with Battling Siki in Dublin on March 17. McTigue, who is shown here with his trainer, Charlie Brennan, won the fight, which has already been described in the China Mail.



The divorce suit of Hon. John Hugo Russell, son of Lord and Lady Amptill, against his wife, in which he denied the paternity of her son, declaring they had entered into a contract never to have children, and in which he charged her with misconduct with several men, has stirred British society. Mrs. Russell denied her husband's charges and alleged he had the strange habit of wearing women's clothing. The jury, as already reported, found for the husband. Mrs. Russell has entered an appeal.



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Ten minutes, 10
Quarter hour, 15
Half hour, 20
One hour, 30
Every subsequent hour, 30

In the New Territories.

By arrangement with the proprietors
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1.—Lower Levels.
With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.
Ten minutes, 10 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour, 15 " 40
Half hour, 25 " 60
One hour, 35 " 80
Every subsequent hour, 40 " 90

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Ten minutes, 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour, 20 " 40
Half hour, 30 " 60
One hour, 40 " 80
Every subsequent hour, 45 " 90

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WEATHER REPORT.

May 2d 9h 30m—Warning to
Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—Dep-
ression or typhoon of unknown
intensity within 60 miles of Lat 11
N. Long 138 E. moving N.N.E.
May 2d 11h 33m. Pressure has
increased considerably over Japan
it has decreased considerably at
Yap, and slightly at the majority
of other reporting stations.
This anticyclone is passing into
the Pacific.
A typhoon is shown about 100
miles to the north of Yap moving
N.N.E.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.19 in.
Total since January 1st, 10.73 inches
against an average of 19.08 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on May 3, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
moderate; overcast, occasional rain.
2.—South coast of China, between
Hongkong and Lamma, N.E. winds,
moderate; overcast, occasional rain.
3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock, N.E.
winds, moderate; overcast, occasional
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4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan, N.E. winds,
moderate; overcast, occasional rain.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,

HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

MAY 2, 1923.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.
Victoria Peak	6 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	7 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	8 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	9 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	10 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	11 a.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	12 m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	1 p.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	2 p.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	3 p.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
Victoria Peak	4 p.m.	30.02	78	75	W	1
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